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SUBJ: ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN CEMA

1. IN COURSE OF RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH GOR OFFICIALS WHO DEAL
WITH CEMA AFFAIRS, EMBOFFS ABLE DISCUF WIDE RANGE OF CEMA TOPICS.
INFO ON THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED GIVEN BELOW.

2. CEMA INTEGRATION PROJECTS: ROMANIA PARTICIPATING IN FOLLOWING
PROJECTS IN SOVIET UNION: A) ORENBURG PIPELINE (MULTILATERAL);
B) CELLULOSE PLANT (MULTILATERAL); C) ASBESTOS PLANT (MULTILATAAL);
D) IRON ORE PELLETIZING (BILATERAL -- FIRST REFERENCE TO THIS PROJECT
THAT WE KNOW LM KVVLE) KURSK IRONORE AND METALLURGY PROJECT (MULTI-
LATERAL); IN CONTRAST TO IFGO GIVEN MOSCOW EMBOFFS REPORTED IN
MOSCOW 0501 NOTAL OFFICIALS IN STATE PLANNING COUNCIL'S COMMISSION
FOR CEMA AFFAIRS STATED GOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROJECT IN SAME
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MANNER AS IT PARTICIPATES IN OTHER CEMA PROJECTS. WE ADVISED
THAT KURSK PROJECT WILL NEGOTIATION STAGE WHICH PROBABLY WILL
NOT BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR. ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION IN ABOCE
PROJECTS INCLUDES PROVISION OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT FOR DIRECT
USE IN PROJECTS OR COMPENSATION IN FORM OF LIGHT INDUSTRY GOODS,
E.G. SHIRTS, TEXTIGLS, ETC., WHICH SOVIETS NEED. EXPORT OF LIGHT
INDUSTRY PRODUCTS ALLOWS SOVIET BUDETARY SOURCES BE USED

TO BUY EQUIPMENT IN USSR NEEB GOV PROJECTS AND WHICH ROMANIA UNABLE TO SUPPLY. EXAMPLE OF EXCAVATORS GIVEN ROMANIAN LABOR NOT INVOLVED IN ANY OROJECT.

3. ROMANIA ALSO PARTICIPATING IN CUBAN NICKEL PROJECT. CUBANS STILL CONDUCTING FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THIS PROJECT AND NATURE OF ROMANIAN COOPERATION NOT DETERMINED. CEMA CONVENTION ON NICKEL PROJECT SIGNED IN 1975 AND ONLY CEMA MEMBER NOT PARTICIPATING IS OUTER MONGOLIA.

4. ROMANIAN SPECIALIZATION: ROMANIA GIVEN SPECIALIZATION IN CEMA FOR CERTAIN MACHINE BUILDING PRODUCTS INCLUDING SOME NUMERICALLY

CONTROLLED MACHINE TOOLS; FIVE TON TRUCKS; 45 - 65 HP AGRICULTURE TRACTORS; SOME ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INCLUDING CERTAIN COMPUTERS PERIPHERALS (WHEN QUESTIONED IN THE RIAD PROGRAM, ROMANIANS SAID THEIR PARTICIPATION IN RIAD STILL NOT DEFINED); SMALL TONNAGE CHEMICAL PROJECTS; AND, TIRES.

5. PROTOCOLS WITH OTHER CEMA COJNTRIES: ALL 1977 BILATERAL PROTOCOLS SIGNED BY ROMANIA EXCEPT ONE WITH CUBA. GENERAL AIM IS TO DOUBLE TRADE WITH OTHER CEMA COJNTRIES DURING PRESENT FIVE YEAR PLAN. AS CONCERNS QUESTION OF PETROLEUM IN USSR PROTOCOL, SOURCES SAID WHILE IT NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, PROTOCOL DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET PRETROLEUM EXPORTS TO ROMANIA.

6. BALTIC SEA PETROLEUM EXPLORATION: ACCORDING OFFICIAL OF OFFSHORE PETROLEUM COMPANY (WHICH PROVIDED ROMANIA WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO CONSTRUCT ROMANIA'S FIRST OFFSHORE ZQILLING RIG) OFFICIALS FROM GDR, POLAND AND USSR VISITED ROMANIA'S OFFSHORE DRILLING OPERATION IN BLACK SEA. THESE THREE COUNTRIES REPORTEDLY MAY BE INTERESTED IN BUYING OFFSHORE DRILLING RIGS FROM ROMUCIA IN FUTURE FOR THEIR JOINT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PROGRAM IN BALTIC SEA. BARNES

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